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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) PLAN TO EXPAND
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES ABROAD

1. WHILE PASSING THROUGH COLOMBO ON WAY TO ISLAMIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING, GOM MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FATHULLA
JAMEEL, PAID COURTESY CALL ON SRI LANKA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ON APRIL 18. MEETING WAS PRIVATE, BUT LOCAL
PRESS AND GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA MFA OFFICIALS INDICATED
SOME SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT BOTH MINISTERS RESTATED THEIR
LONG-STANDING INTENTIONS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN
RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORT,
JAMEEL ASKED FOR SRI LANKA'S ASSISTANCE IN REORGANIZING AND
EXPANDING GOM MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ARTICLE ALSO
REFERS TO MALDIVIAN HOPES TO TRAIN MORE PERSONNEL
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"TO MAN ITS PROPOSED MISSIONS ABROAD."

3. COMMENT:
GOM OVER PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN URGING OTHER COUNTRIES
TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN MALE. THERE
ARE THREE THERE NOW, INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND LIBYA. USA
CONSULAR AGENCY WILL OPEN IN NEAR FUTURE. RECENT

DECISION TO ACCREDIT GOM UN PERM REP CONCURRENTLY TO
WASHINGTON, AND REPORTS ON THIS COLOMBO MEETING MAY
MEAN GOM IS WEIGHING POTENTIAL GAINS, PROBABLY
ECONOMIC, IN MOVING OUT INTO THE WORLD, AT LEAST ON A
MODEST SCALE. GOM CURRENTLY HAS NO DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS ABROAD, SAVE FOR UN PERM REP.
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